

**PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S DETERMINATION  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING  
MODIFICATION NO. 3  
CONTRACT NO. 215018A2-IT  
IT SERVICE DESK AND DESKTOP FIELD SUPPORT  
CONSULTING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES PLUS (CATS+) MASTER CONTRACT**

**I. BACKGROUND**

Gantech, Inc. (Gantech) is the awardee of Contract No. 215018A2-IT under Department of Information Technology (DOIT) Consulting and Technical Services Plus (CATS+) Master Contract No. 060B2490023. This award was approved by the Maryland Port Commission on July 7, 2015 and the Board of Public Works (Board) on August 5, 2015.

On August 5, 2015, by Item 15-IT on the MDOT agenda, the Board approved this Contract No. 215018A2-IT with Gantech for a Help Desk Specialist Junior resource. At the same time, by Item 14-IT the Board approved Contract No. 215018A1-IT with Computer Consultants International, Inc. (CCI) for a Help Desk Specialist Senior. Due to increased demand for information technology resources, MPA subsequently modified its contract with CCI to add a Help Desk Specialist Junior for six months, October 31, 2017, through April 30, 2018, and MPA subsequently extended that period through January 31, 2019. MPA added that Help Desk Junior resource under CCI's contract rather than under Gantech's contract because Gantech was unable to provide a suitable candidate at that time.

Due to dissatisfaction with CCI's performance, MPA terminated for convenience the services of the Help Desk Specialist Senior provided under CCI's contract. That partial termination left MPA in need of a Help Desk Specialist Senior. Due to past issues with CCI's home office, MPA filled that need with a Help Desk Specialist Senior provided by Gantech via Modification No. 1, approved by the Maryland Port Commission on December 4, 2018 and approved by the Board of Public Works on December 19, 2018.

At the time the original contract was procured, Gantech and CCI were the only two offerors; therefore, if the needed Help Desk Specialist Senior is not provided by CCI it is equitable that MPA obtain the resource from Gantech. Gantech will be providing the resource at the rate proposed by CCI for year 4 with a 2% escalation for year 5, which is a substantial reduction in the prices proposed by Gantech in its offer for the original contract.

On February 19, 2020, by Item 3-IT-OPT on the MDOT agenda, the Board approved Modification No. 2 to exercise the first and only renewal option for both the Help Desk Specialist Junior and Help Desk Specialist Senior for a period of five years which included a 2% annual increase in rates as provided by the original contract.


The MPA had plans to use the DGS Statewide Agile contract, approved for award by the Board on February 26, 2025, however when MPA reached out to DGS to use the Agile contract on April 25, 2025 the MPA was told that DGS is still working on the work order process; therefore the contract was not ready for use. At the end of the renewal term, the contract will have a balance of \$169,695.03 remaining; therefore, MPA would like to extend this contract by 12 months, through August 31, 2026. This extension will require an additional \$50,000 be added to the contract value. This contract

extension is necessary because it will allow DGS time to get its work order process finalized and time to secure a new vendor and help desk specialist resources under the DGS Agile contract for MPA to use. Or, alternatively, it will provide time for the MPA to award its own IT Staff Augmentation contract.

## II. DETERMINATION

- A. DOIT CATS+ Master Contract meets the requirements of an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement under COMAR 21.05.09.01B(2)(a).
- B. It is in the best interest of the Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA) to issue a modification to this contract because doing so will provide cost benefits to the State. It will promote administrative efficiencies as DOIT and MPA have already deemed Gantech responsible and is not intended as a means to evade the purposes set forth under COMAR 21.01.01.03.
- C. The award amount is within the funding available.
- D. Modification No. 3 increases the total Contract value by \$50,000, for a revised total contract value of \$1,498,219.
- E. Modification No. 3 extends the contract through August 31, 2026.
- F. This modification is not more than \$50,000; therefore, this modification is does not require approval from the Maryland Port Commission or the Board of Public Works.

## V. APPROVAL REQUIRED

  
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Trisha O'Neal  
Procurement Officer

5/19/2025  
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Date

APPROVED:

  
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John H. Thornton  
Director, Procurement/Designee

5/19/2025  
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Date